



MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA
Licensing Program



Date: August 10, 2012
To: Midwifery Advisory Council Members
From: Curtis Worden, Chief of Licensing
Subject: Discussion of Term Limits

At the March 29, 2012 Midwifery Advisory Council (MAC) meeting, an agenda item to discuss possible term limits for Council membership was tabled for discussion at the August 30, 2012 MAC meeting.

The Midwifery Advisory Council is established by law (Business & Professions Code §2509). Neither the length of terms nor the maximum number of consecutive terms is addressed in law. As a point of reference:

- The Medical Board members are appointed to a position with a four-year term. Business and Professions Code §131 states that Board members may not serve more than two consecutive full terms.
- The Special Faculty Permit Review Committee (SFPRC), which is also established by law, does not have formal term limits. Committee members represent each medical school located in California. The individual schools recommend representatives for membership on the Committee; these representatives serve at the schools' pleasure and by approval of the Board. The Board members that serve on the Committee are subject to the Medical Board's term limits and appointment by the Board president.
- No other committees of the Board are established in law. The members of the Board's various committees serve at the pleasure of the Board president.
- A review of term limits in other states that have a midwifery council or committee similar to that in California is attached.

Midwifery Councils Term Limits in Other States	
Washington	Members serve at the pleasure of the Secretary; may not serve more than 5 years consecutively
Florida	May continue to serve until they have been replaced; no term limit
Virginia	May not serve more than two consecutive 4-year terms; the remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment
New Mexico	3 year terms; no more than two consecutive terms (except for the member from the Division who shall serve at the pleasure of the Division Director and who shall not be limited as to terms
Arkansas	3 year terms; Members may serve two consecutive terms
Texas	6 year terms, with the terms of 3 members expiring on January 31st of each odd numbered year
South Carolina	3 year terms; no mention of term limits
New Jersey	3-year terms; May be reappointed; no mention of term limits.
Minnesota	4 year terms; no term limits; members may serve until their successors are appointed.

**Midwifery Advisory Council
Reappointment Schedule**

Name	Initial Term	Current Term
Barbara Yaroslavsky	1 year	July 2011-June 30, 2014
Carrie Sparrevohn	3 years	July 2011-June 30, 2014
Karen Ehrlich	3 years	May 7, 2012-June 30, 2015
Faith Gibson	3 years	Jan. 1, 2010-June 30, 2014
James, Byrne, MD	3 years	May 2012-June 30, 2015
Monique Webster	3 years	May 2012-June 30, 2015

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